GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent incident in which the cockpit door was jammed on an Air India flight and the pilot was stranded out of the cockpit causing much panic to the passengers of Delhi-Bangalore flight and in another incident a Bangkok-Delhi flight in which two airhostesses got locked with the pilots in the cockpit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has ordered any probe into these incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure safety and security of passengers and action taken against the guilty;and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. Air India flight AI-403 from Delhi to Bangalore was involved in an incident on 13.05.2013 wherein Cockpit door of A-319 aircraft got jammed leaving the pilot stranded outside. The landing of the aircraft was carried out by Co-Pilot who is also a Commander. Cockpit door was opened during inspection and rectification by AME at Bhopal after landing. However, no such incident of airhostesses getting locked with the pilot in the cockpit during the operation of any Bangkok-Delhi flight has taken place.

(c) The incident has been investigated.

(d) & (e) The investigation of the incident has been completed and as a safety measure, additional checks have been introduced in Maintenance and Inspection of cockpit door. Procedure to be followed by the pilots for use of escape panel in the cockpit door has also been reiterated.